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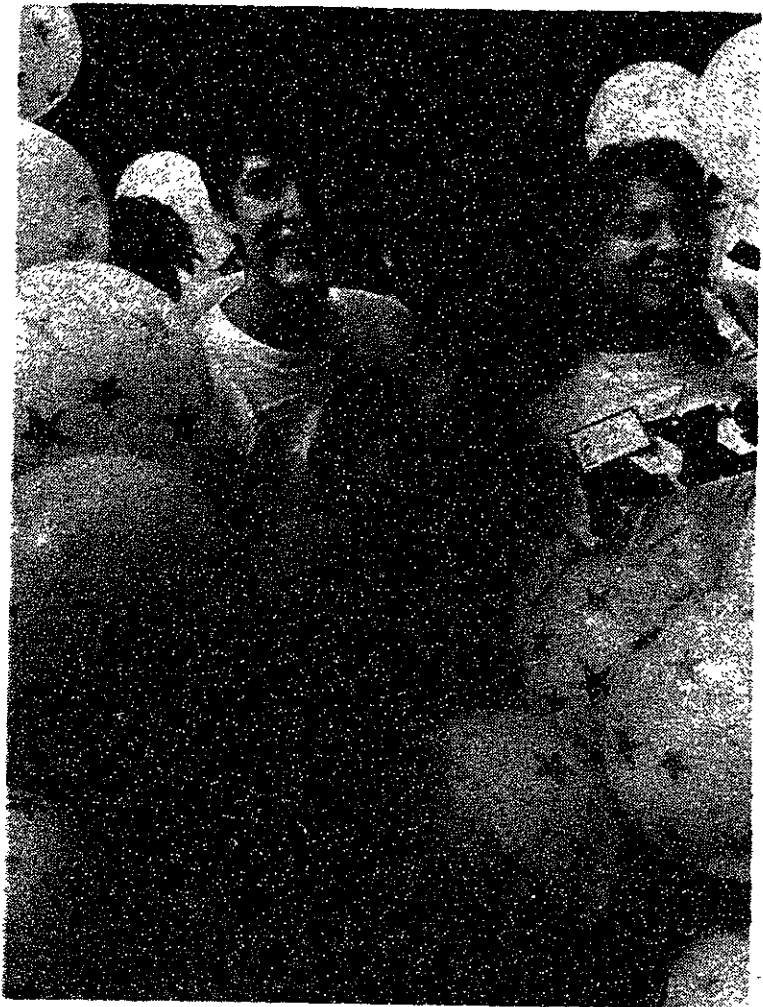
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Members of Alpha Phi celebrate at the end of Residence/Orientation week. Both Alpha Phi and Alpha Chi Omega had a successful rush this year, the first for sorority rush at MIT. For more exciting pictures of rush week, see photo essay, pages 11 and 12.

MIT students stabbed One suffers punctured lung in Boston assault

By Andrew L. Fish

Two MIT students, James F. Brennan '87 and Matthew Denesuk '87, were attacked in Boston yesterday, said Boston Police Officer John Gillespie. Denesuk was stabbed and suffered a punctured lung from the attack. He was admitted to Beth Israel hospital, Gillespie said.

The incident took place yesterday morning at approximately 1:50 am at 820 Beacon St., said Campus Police Captain James F. Mahoney Jr. The Campus Police information was only hearsay; they had not received first hand accounts, Mahoney said.

The two were apparently leaving a bar when they had an altercation with six unknown individuals, Gillespie said. The assailants attacked with a knife or knives. None of the attackers were apprehended, he added.

Brennan and Denesuk were found by a Boston University Police sergeant, Mahoney said.

At approximately 2:30 am Boston University Campus Police officers notified the Boston Police Department that they had two stabbing victims, Gillespie said. Brennan and Denesuk were then taken to the hospital.

Brennan was treated for abrasions and a cut over the left eye

at Beth Israel hospital and released, Gillespie said. Denesuk needed surgery to repair his right lung, he said.

Denesuk is now doing fairly well, Mahoney said.

Both Brennan and Denesuk are majoring in electrical engineering and are members of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Neither Brennan nor Beta Theta Pi could be reached for comment.

Lower class size forces a more competitive rush

By Earl C. Yen

Three hundred and eighty freshmen pledged fraternities and independent living groups in one of the most competitive rushes in years. Although the number of freshmen pledging was high, several fraternities may have had problems filling their spaces.

"I am very happy with the outcome of rush," commented Mark Ertel, advisor to Fraternities and Independent Living Groups in the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs. "We're just pleased with the performance of the fraternity system."

Ertel also noted that the crowding situation is much better in the dormitories this year. "Partial credit is due to the success of the fraternity rush," he said.

Daniel T. Dismukes '88, rush chairman at Phi Gamma Delta, questioned the success of this year's fraternity rush. "Statistics can be misleading. A better indicator of rush is how many houses hit their targets. I think a lot of houses may still have an empty bed or two."

Independent living groups attracted 341 men and 37 women, Ertel said. That total included the 18 transfer students and five upperclassmen who moved into ILGs.

Some fraternity members thought they might have difficulty filling their openings because of the smaller freshman class and the smaller percentage of men in the class, suggested Timothy R. Lash '87, rush chairman of the Interfraternity Conference.

The size of this year's freshman class was 991, compared to 1075 last year. The percentage of males in the Class of 1990 also was less than in previous years, from last year's 72 percent to 62 percent this year.

The smaller number of potential pledges "was a concern," Lash explained, but in the end, slightly more freshmen pledged fraternities and independent living groups this year than last year.

"Everyone got out there and rushed a little harder," Lash said. Some fraternities contacted more freshmen during the summer, generating more freshman interest in fraternities, he added.

Cross-rushing increases

Karen E. Needels '88, rush chairman at Epsilon Theta, observed that some living groups needed more time to reach their target number of pledges. A number of living groups were actively looking for pledges on the Monday after the beginning of rush, she pointed out.

"We got how many we wanted, but it was very slow," Needels said. "We didn't get our last pledge until Wednesday, which is later than usual."

Other rush chairmen agreed that there was an increase in "cross-rushing," in which several living groups extended bids to the same person. "The freshmen moved around a lot more this year; they probably went to more places," said Christopher J. Mor-

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Non-residential sororities allowed full participation in R/O for the first time

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Nearly fifty freshmen women pledged Alpha Phi and Alpha Chi Omega, MIT's two non-residential sororities, during rush week. This year's Residence/Orientation week marked the first opportunity for the two sororities to fully participate in rush.

"It was hard to predict what would happen, but it turned out to be a fantastic rush," said Louise H. Shim '87, rush chairman of Alpha Phi. "We are very happy with our pledges."

Patricia L. Obermaier '87, rush chairman of Alpha Chi Omega, agreed. "Rush went very well for us," she said.

Last year, the Interfraternity Conference did not allow Alpha Phi to begin rush until Monday. This year's IFC Executive Committee decided that the sororities were "entitled to the privilege" of

the earlier rush, IFC Rush Chairman Timothy L. Lash '87 said over the summer ["MIT changes rush week schedule, July 15].

"It really worked to our advantage to start out on Friday," Shim commented.

Approximately half of all freshman women visited the sororities during rush week, according to Obermaier. Even still, some female freshmen were not aware of the two sororities, she believed.

"We sent out a booklet in August, when many freshmen might have been on vacation or tired of reading things from MIT," she said.

The success of this year's rush will increase awareness of Alpha Phi and Alpha Chi Omega, Shim asserted. "Women coming to MIT will be more aware of MIT's

sororities in the future."

Both sororities held their events on the fourth floor of the Student Center. "It was a good, central location," Shim explained. In the past, Alpha Phi held different rush events in different places.

Twenty-two of the 28 women receiving bids at Alpha Chi Omega pledged, Obermaier said.

Alpha Phi offered 28 bids, 25 of which were accepted, Shim said.

Two leave ODSA during the summer

Feature

By Michael J. Garrison,
Andrew L. Fish, and
Ronald E. Becker

The departure of two key members of the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs highlighted the news on campus over the summer.

Controversy also resulted from an Electrical Engineering and Computer Science proposal, and the visit of Sri Lanka's prime minister to MIT. Other events occurring after finals week include MIT's hiring of ARA to manage the food service; the Tech Coop's announcement of a move to Cambridge Center planned for April, and the success of efforts to avoid the repetition of last year's dormitory overcrowding.

ODSA personnel changes

Associate Dean Holliday C. Heine '67, section head for the Undergraduate Academic Support Office, left the UASO at the end of June because she wanted to do something different. Heine had no definite plans for the future, she said. Associate Dean David S. Wiley '61 has been appointed as Heine's replacement.

Associate Dean Robert A.

Sherwood, head of the residence and campus activities section of the ODSA, also resigned and the end of July. Sherwood has become dean for student development at Boston College, a position equivalent to MIT's dean for student affairs. Associate Dean James R. Tewhey, formerly of Smith College, has stepped in as his replacement.

Four dormitories acquired new housemasters over the summer: Graham C. Walker, professor of biology, became housemaster at McCormick Hall; Frank Solomon, professor of biology, became housemaster at Bexely Hall; Tunny F. Lee, professor of urban studies and planning, took the position of housemaster at East Campus; and Amiram Moshaiov, assistant professor of ocean engineering, became junior

housemaster at MacGregor House.

6.001 proposal withdrawn

The Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science made, and later withdrew, a proposal to replace the spring-term offering of Structure and Interpretation of Computer Programs (6.001) with a version to be held over the Independent Activities Period.

The proposal was intended to "better serve students who have difficulty juggling conflicting demands on their time during the semester," according to the June 3 draft. "When I proposed it I was thinking mostly of freshmen," said 6.001 professor Harold Abelson PhD '73.

After review at an open forum

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Yes, it's starting again. . . Sandra Lippka '88 hands a student her registration sticker yesterday in Dupont. For those of you who are counting, the next break, Columbus Day vacation, begins on October 11.

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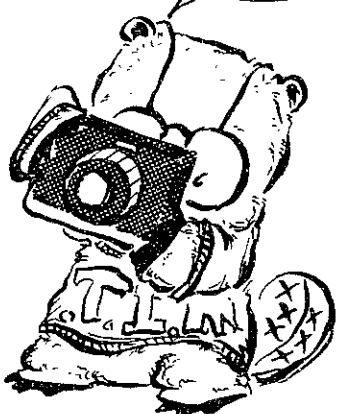
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Nation

Dole to limit Senate debate on Rehnquist nomination

Senate majority leader Robert Dole (R-KS), promised to limit debate on the nomination of Supreme Court Justice William Rehnquist to the position of chief justice, unless those opposed to the appointment agree to set a specific time for a vote. The Senate has recently returned from recess, and debate on the nomination is scheduled to begin on Wednesday. (AP)

CBS denies merger rumors

CBS denied an article in *Newsweek* magazine that claimed it is holding talks with other firms about a possible merger. The *Newsweek* report stated that a CBS board member, acting on behalf of the company, contacted either Westinghouse Electric, Philip Morris, or both concerning the ownership of the broadcasting giant. CBS says the board member, James Wolfensohn, has not been asked to contact any companies in this regard. (AP)

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Republican gubernatorial hopeful Roger Easton says Governor John Sununu '61 cannot beat a democrat in the November general election.

Easton, who is challenging Sununu in today's primary election, says that two polls — one conducted by WBZ-TV in Boston and one by the governor's campaign office — show that Easton has a better chance of beating the democratic nominee this fall.

New Hampshire voters' support of Sununu dropped when they were reminded of his support for the Seabrook nuclear plant, Easton said. (AP)

Report calls for longer prison terms

A report released by the National Research Council, an organization of the National Academy of Sciences, says longer prison sentences for chronic offenders could result in a 5-10 percent reduction in crime. However, a 10-20 percent increase in prison populations would result. (AP)

Local

Bok attacks divestment activists

Harvard University's Derek Bok claimed that anti-apartheid protesters are threatening the independence of the university. Protesters appeared at the final day of Harvard's 350th anniversary celebration. Bok said that calls for divestment and other such pressures to enter political debates threatened the university's essential functions. (AP)

Hospital power plant evades challenges

The Massachusetts Supreme Court has rejected a challenge against plans to build a hospital power plant. The court ruled the state department of environmental quality engineering acted reasonably when it approved design of the facility for the Medical Area Total Energy Plant. The challenges were brought by the town of Bookline and neighbors from Mission Hill. (AP)

Sports

Largent still on track, Allen falls

Seattle receiver Steve Largent caught 7 passes for 65 yards in Sunday's game, extending his streak of consecutive games with at least one pass reception to 124. Harold Carmichael holds the record with 127.

Los Angeles running back Marcus Allen rushed for only 98 yards in the Raiders' loss to Denver. Until this game, Allen had rushed for 100 yards or more in nine consecutive games, tying Walter Payton's record. (*The Boston Globe*)

Bank of Boston to fund drug program

The Bank of Boston has announced plans to donate approximately \$150,000 to Massachusetts' drug-education program. The majority of funds will be taken from the bank's profit from the credit cards from Oct. 1 to the end of the year.

The bank's announcement followed the decade's largest meeting of national drug-abuse organizations, assembled in Boston. The gathering comes just days before the US House of Representatives was expected to act on an anti-drug bill. (AP)

Teachers still on strike

Though some school districts have settled disputes over the weekend, schoolchildren in eight states remain on vacation due to striking teachers. In Rhode Island, the Greenwich School Committee has gone to court in hopes to end a two-week-old standstill. (AP)

Galaxy

Caltech grad student discovers comet

Christine Wilson, 24, a graduate student at the California Institute of Technology, spotted a new comet Aug. 5 while taking pictures through the 48-inch Schmidt telescope at Mount Palomar Observatory. Comet Wilson will not be visible in the Northern Hemisphere, but to viewers in the Southern Hemisphere, it could outshine Halley's Comet next April or May. (*The Boston Globe*)

Happy Birthday, "Star Trek"

Captain Kirk, Spock, and the rest of the crew of the starship Enterprise are celebrating their 20th birthday. It was two decades ago when the space explorers boldly set out to go where no man has gone before — and it might not be much longer before they set out again. Paramount pictures will release "Star Trek IV" in December and is already developing a fifth movie with the same cast. (AP)

Cereal

Crunch captured by Soggies

Captain Horatio C. Crunch '54 has been captured by the Soggies and is rumored to be held prisoner in Sogland. "It's true!" exclaimed a spokesman for the Quaker Oats Company. "The Soggies have captured Cap'n Crunch and his Crunch Power! Breakfast could be doomed! Soggy forever!" The captain is reported to be locked up in either Dampa Bay, New Yuck City, or Mt. Mushroom.

Weather

Danielle crosses the Caribbean

Tropical storm Danielle, which formed from a tropical depression on Sunday, entered the southeastern Caribbean Monday morning. At 6 pm Monday evening, Danielle, with winds of 50 mph, was located at 13.3° north, 64.0° west, or about 380 miles south-southeast of San Juan, Puerto Rico. Danielle is expected to continue on a west-northwesterly direction for at least the next day or so. Conditions remain favorable for additional strengthening.

Closer to home, our autumnal weather will continue for a few more days, with a bit of a warming trend likely.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny and cool, winds west at five mph, high of 71°.

Tuesday night: Clear and chilly, low of 55°.

Wednesday: Partly to mostly sunny and milder, high of 75°.

Thursday: Variably cloudy, with a chance of showers. Milder and a bit more humid, high of 79°.

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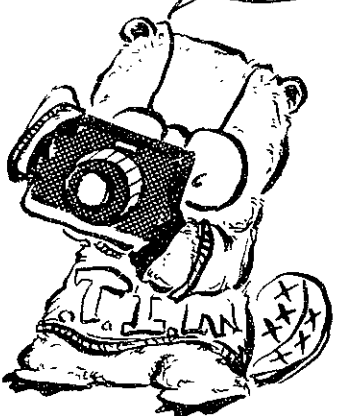
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Easton, who is challenging Sununu in today's primary election, says that two polls — one conducted by WBZ-TV in Boston and one by the governor's campaign office — show that Easton has a better chance of beating the democratic nominee this fall.

New Hampshire voters' support of Sununu dropped when they were reminded of his support for the Seabrook nuclear plant, Easton said. (AP)

Report calls for longer prison terms

A report released by the National Research Council, an organization of the National Academy of Sciences, says longer prison sentences for chronic offenders could result in a 5-10 percent reduction in crime. However, a 10-20 percent increase in prison populations would result. (AP)

Nation

Dole to limit Senate debate on Rehnquist nomination

Senate majority leader Robert Dole (R-KS), promised to limit debate on the nomination of Supreme Court Justice William Rehnquist to the position of chief justice, unless those opposed to the appointment agree to set a specific time for a vote. The Senate has recently returned from recess, and debate on the nomination is scheduled to begin on Wednesday. (AP)

CBS denies merger rumors

CBS denied an article in *Newsweek* magazine that claimed it is holding talks with other firms about a possible merger. The *Newsweek* report stated that a CBS board member, acting on behalf of the company, contacted either Westinghouse Electric, Philip Morris, or both concerning the ownership of the broadcasting giant. CBS says the board member, James Wolfensohn, has not been asked to contact any companies in this regard. (AP)

Local

Bok attacks divestment activists

Harvard University's Derek Bok claimed that anti-apartheid protesters are threatening the independence of the university. Protesters appeared at the final day of Harvard's 350th anniversary celebration. Bok said that calls for divestment and other such pressures to enter political debates threatened the university's essential functions. (AP)

Hospital power plant evades challenges

The Massachusetts Supreme Court has rejected a challenge against plans to build a hospital power plant. The court ruled the state department of environmental quality engineering acted reasonably when it approved design of the facility for the Medical Area Total Energy Plant. The challenges were brought by the town of Bookline and neighbors from Mission Hill. (AP)

Sports

Largent still on track, Allen falls

Seattle receiver Steve Largent caught 7 passes for 65 yards in Sunday's game, extending his streak of consecutive games with at least one pass reception to 124. Harold Carmichael holds the record with 127.

Los Angeles running back Marcus Allen rushed for only 98 yards in the Raiders' loss to Denver. Until this game, Allen had rushed for 100 yards or more in nine consecutive games, tying Walter Payton's record. (*The Boston Globe*)

Bank of Boston to fund drug program

The Bank of Boston has announced plans to donate approximately \$150,000 to Massachusetts' drug-education program. The majority of funds will be taken from the bank's profit from the credit cards from Oct. 1 to the end of the year.

The bank's announcement followed the decade's largest meeting of national drug-abuse organizations, assembled in Boston. The gathering comes just days before the US House of Representatives was expected to act on an anti-drug bill. (AP)

Teachers still on strike

Though some school districts have settled disputes over the weekend, schoolchildren in eight states remain on vacation due to striking teachers. In Rhode Island, the Greenwich School Committee has gone to court in hopes to end a two-week-old standstill. (AP)

Galaxy

Caltech grad student discovers comet

Christine Wilson, 24, a graduate student at the California Institute of Technology, spotted a new comet Aug. 5 while taking pictures through the 48-inch Schmidt telescope at Mount Palomar Observatory. Comet Wilson will not be visible in the Northern Hemisphere, but to viewers in the Southern Hemisphere, it could outshine Halley's Comet next April or May. (*The Boston Globe*)

Happy Birthday, "Star Trek"

Captain Kirk, Spock, and the rest of the crew of the starship Enterprise are celebrating their 20th birthday. It was two decades ago when the space explorers boldly set out to go where no man has gone before — and it might not be much longer before they set out again. Paramount pictures will release "Star Trek IV" in December and is already developing a fifth movie with the same cast. (AP)

Cereal

Crunch captured by Soggies

Captain Horatio C. Crunch '54 has been captured by the Soggies and is rumored to be held prisoner in Sogland. "It's true!" exclaimed a spokesman for the Quaker Oats Company. "The Soggies have captured Cap'n Crunch and his Crunch Power! Breakfast could be doomed! Soggy forever!" The captain is reported to be locked up in either Dampa Bay, New Yuck City, or Mt. Mushroom.

Weather

Danielle crosses the Caribbean

Tropical storm Danielle, which formed on Sunday, entered the southeastern Caribbean Monday morning. At 6 pm Monday evening, Danielle, with winds of 50 mph, was located at 13.3° north, 64.0° west, or about 380 miles south-southeast of San Juan, Puerto Rico. Danielle is expected to continue on a west-northwesterly direction for at least the next day or so. Conditions remain favorable for additional strengthening.

Closer to home, our autumnal weather will continue for a few more days, with a bit of a warming trend likely.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny and cool, winds west at five mph, high of 71°.

Tuesday night: Clear and chilly, low of 55°.

Wednesday: Partly to mostly sunny and milder, high of 75°.

Thursday: Variably cloudy, with a chance of showers. Milder and a bit more humid, high of 79°.

Forecast by Michael C. Morgan

Compiled by David B. Plass and Michael Gojer

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Column/Simson L. Garfinkel

Israel has its shortcomings

This summer I worked at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel. After years of being a member of a Zionist youth movement, spending the summer in Israel was an eye-opening experience: I do not like Israel anymore.

Israelis like to point out that their country is a much nicer place to live than most other places in the world. It is definitely true that Israel has a much higher standard of living than countries such as Egypt, Yemin, or Cambodia. But I find unconvincing their claims that Israel has taken the best that the United States has to offer and improved on it.

During my stay there, many Israelis told me that I should choose to live permanently in Israel; indeed, this was the goal of my Zionist youth movement. At the start of the summer I was considering this option seriously, but now I've opened my eyes. The United States has its problems, to be sure, but a person would have to be very unhappy here to want to move to Israel.

New York may have urban crime, but the Israeli office buildings, factories, and houses, with their barbed wire, bars, 15-foot fences, and 24-hour guards are fortresses in a much more intense combat zone. Boston's auto theft is a nuisance, but it doesn't compare with the acts of mass vandalism which regularly beset Israeli parking lots. The racism in the United States can't hold a candle to Israel's rigorous caste system, which segregates European Jews from Arabic Jews from Yemenese Jews from Arabs.

What bothered me even more than the Israel's social problems were the attitudes of the Israelis themselves. Israelis do not place the same importance on time as we do. Things go slowly, people wait, people stand in lines without complaining. A customer walks into a store to buy something and the shopkeeper is reading a newspaper; the customer waits. People talk, yell, fight and drink coffee, but they don't seem to value their lost productivity. It is a much calmer life style. There is always time.

Weizmann is a large graduate school and research institution, in many ways similar to MIT. People manage to do research, but I don't know how. Scientists come to work at 9:30 or 10 in the morning. At 10:30 and 11:30 most people take 10-20 minute coffee breaks. Lunch at 12:30 frequently runs until 1:30 or 2 pm, and most people go home at 4 pm. The six day work week is cut short Friday afternoons when everyone goes home early.

Of course, an Israeli reading the last two paragraphs would say I am missing the essence of the lifestyle. With my emphasis on productivity, he might say, I'm betraying my American biases: I see productivity as a goal in itself.

More annoying than the amount of time that the Israelis spend working is the way they feel about the quality of their work. Almost without exception, Israelis consider themselves and the work they do perfect. "I never make mistakes," one student told me, "I'm always right." A
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Guest Column/Seth A. Gordon

SDI technology will be unreliable

Americans are proud of their country's revolutionary achievements, achievements that were accomplished with Yankee determination. A casual examination of history shows that these achievements would have been impossible without earlier, less heralded ones.

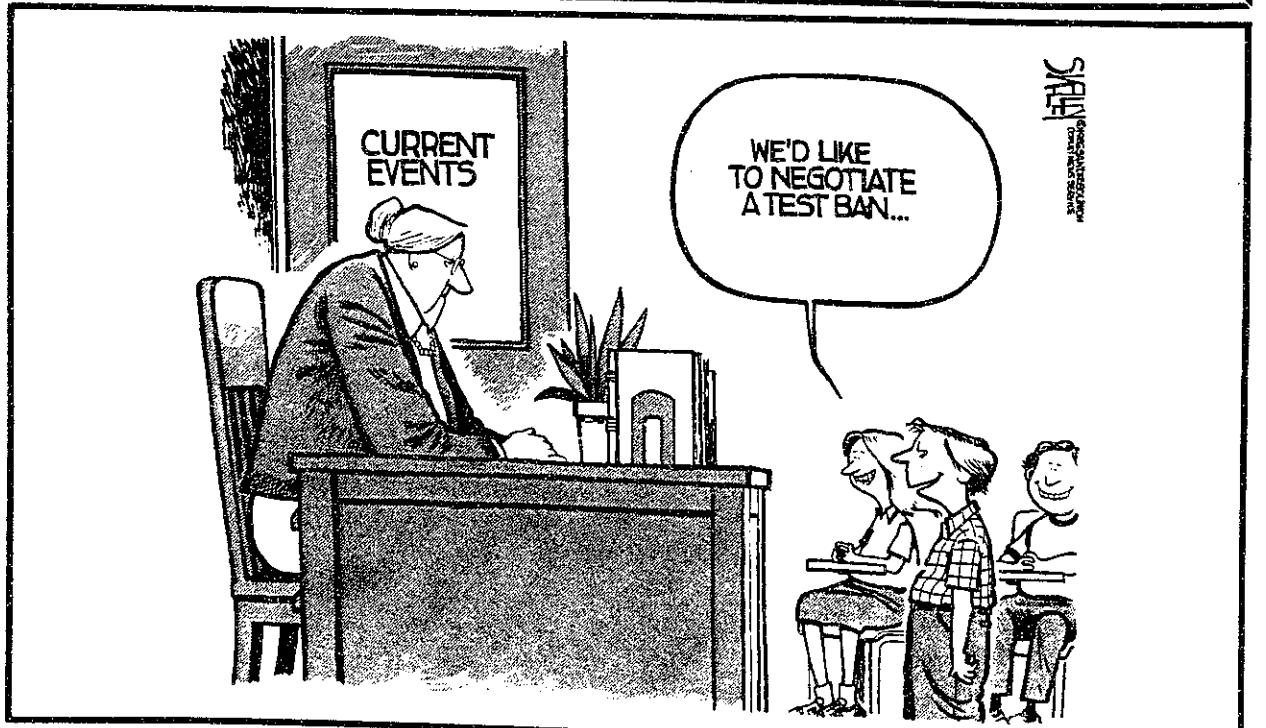
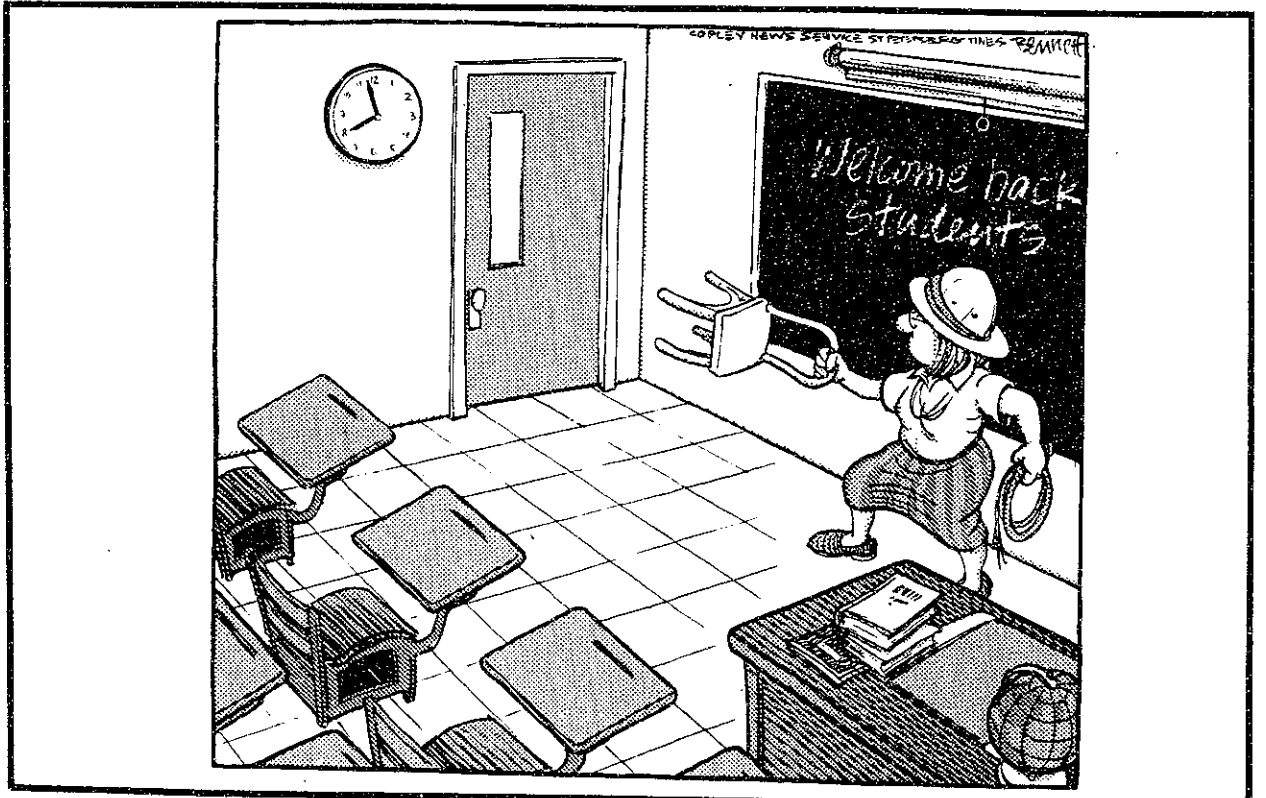
The Apollo program would have been impossible without Werner Von Braun's V-2 rockets. Thomas Edison did not invent

the electric light, but improved existing lamps. Even the US Constitution, admired by political scientists the world over, espouses principles first used by the Roman Republic.

President Reagan assures the taxpayers that for a few trillion dollars, the Pentagon can make nuclear weapons "impotent and obsolete." When Lt. Gen. James A. Abrahamson '55 was chosen to direct the Strategic Defense

Initiative, he failed to explain to the press how the system would defend against a Soviet first strike. He used the space shuttle as an example that "we have a nation that can produce miracles." But we are not the first to try an impenetrable defense. What can we learn from previous attempts?

Emperor Shih Huang Ti built the 1500-mile-long Great Wall of China to keep the Tartars from
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opinion

Productivity has lower priority

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friend told me that Israelis have had to adopt this attitude in order to survive in their environment.

There are other problems with Israel besides the inhabitants. Israel is a very expensive place to live. Although produce is relatively inexpensive (corn is 20 cents a pound in the market), wages are low, even by Israeli standards. Taxes are two to three times higher than in the United States. At the Weizmann Institute, a full tenured professor might make five or six hundred dollars a month. Socialism, I was told, has resulted in a rough equalization of salaries between different status levels within a profession or industry. Everyone at Weizmann earns roughly the same: for example, a graduate student might earn four or five hundred dollars a month. The problem is that the equalization has hurt more people than it has helped.

I was surprised to hear many Israelis call their country the 51st state of the union. Most Americans think they are referring to military aid; they seem to feel Israel would be destroyed by its Arab neighbors if American military aid were stopped. Few Israelis share this belief. It is at a cultural and economic level that they feel their ties to the United States.

Israelis don't consider American military aid as a vital necessity, probably because they spend so much time supporting the military themselves. Three years of military service for men and two years for women are required of Jewish citizens after they graduate from high school. Thereafter, every Jewish citizen must spend one month every year in the reserves.

The mandatory military service takes a tremendous toll on the country. Few students have the motivation to attend college after spending two or three years in the army: most would rather get married and start a family.

Do not let the induction of women into the army deceive you into thinking that Israel is not a sexist society. Women serve in the

army and maintain one or two jobs at home — in addition to caring for a household — only because the country is so desperately poor. In the army, women hold only clerical or mundane positions. At Weizmann there were few female faculty members, but all of the secretaries were female.

Many Israelis come across as tired, worn down, and cynical — characteristics which they attribute to the military, the heat, and the government. While many Jews of European descent have unrealistic dreams of getting rich, most other people in the country, including the Arabs realize that they are trapped in a racist, sexist social system.

I'm glad to be back in Massachusetts. I won't be going back to Israel.



Past defense systems also had flaws

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invading. Construction required 300,000 troops, and all of China's criminals. The Wall worked admirably against the Tartars, but the emperor's despotic policies drove the lower and middle classes to revolt, and Shih's dynasty was overthrown 50 years after the Wall was built.

Some critics of SDI call it a "Magainot Line in outer space." They refer to the shield built from Longwy (on the border with Belgium and Luxembourg) to the Swiss frontier. The French thought the Line impenetrable, but their army neglected to extend it westward, along the Belgian border. For the past 2000 years whenever the Germans invaded France, they took the Belgian route. During World War II the German high command was almost as confident in their defenses at Normandy, breached on D-Day.

Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger expects the SDI system to be 99 percent effective by the mid-1990s. How effective are the current systems for protecting us against things that go boom in the night?

It is reasonable to assume that SDI will be much more complex than our best tactical fighter jet, the F-15. Right now, at any given time, 84.2 percent of the Air Force's F-15s are mission-capable,

and the best they have ever done in an exercise is 95.8 percent. If SDI is this reliable, it means that about 15 percent of the components will not be functioning at any time — or 15 percent of the time, the system will not work.

Of course, the F-15s achieved this rating with continuous maintenance and testing, and are aided by the skill of a human pilot. Testing and human control of SDI equipment would be next to impossible. Maintaining satellites in orbit will be difficult, especially considering that the F-15's mean time between failures (in 1979) was half an hour. Imagine having to maintain a space station and continually shoot up spare parts, to fix SDI satellites. Imagine the problems the satellites will have distinguishing American repairmen and devices

from intruders. Imagine the consequences if one of these failures goes ignored.

It appears that previous attempts to build physical shields against invasion have achieved less than the desired result, and the military has no record of reliability in defense comparable to what SDI demands. If SDI is successful, its directors will make military history. But with this dismal record before us, can we afford to risk its failure?

(Editor's note: the author would like to thank Lt. Col. John Buchanan (formerly of the Marines, now working at the Center for Defense Information) and Lt. Col. David Evans (Operations Officer, Third Marine Division, trained in nuclear weapon targeting) for the information they provided that was invaluable to this column.)

feedback

SACC challenged to SDI debate

(Editor's note: The Tech received a copy of this letter, addressed to Richard A. Cowan G) Mr. Cowan:

On behalf of the MIT Republican Club and the MIT Students for National Defense, we invite you or any other representatives

of the Science Action Coordinating Committee or the Disarmament Study Group to a student debate on the topic of the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI).

This would be scored by a neutral moderating group, such as the Debate Society. The topic of the debate would be "Should the United States pursue SDI?" The debate would have two members on either side and would occur on Oct. 30 at 8 pm. If this time or date is not convenient, please let us know about any difficulties in your reply.

Since last year's rallies and leaflets were not conducive to reasoned reply, we believe that a debate would be a much more productive and appropriate ground for student discussion of this topic. Please respond by Oct. 1 so that arrangements can be made for the actual running of the debate. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

J. Grant Swank, Jr.
Walpole, MA

John P. Berlin '88
Brett V. Gaspers '87

feedback

MTG musical was below par

To the Editor:

Last evening my wife and I planned to enjoy ourselves by seeing the Musical Theater Guild performance of *Man of La Mancha*. What we had anticipated never came off. It was not an enjoyable evening spent on being entertained by first-class thespians. Instead, we were given juvenile acting, sloppy performances, and unconvincing lines.

I know this is the gamble one takes when going to see a public performance, but one would not

have thought that such would be the fare from the MIT Musical Theater Guild. No doubt the evening proved an exceptional disappointment to many who were anticipating starting the new school year with a quality night out.

Whatever happened to the exquisitely fine craft of genuinely portraying convincing character roles so as to grip the audience's soul?

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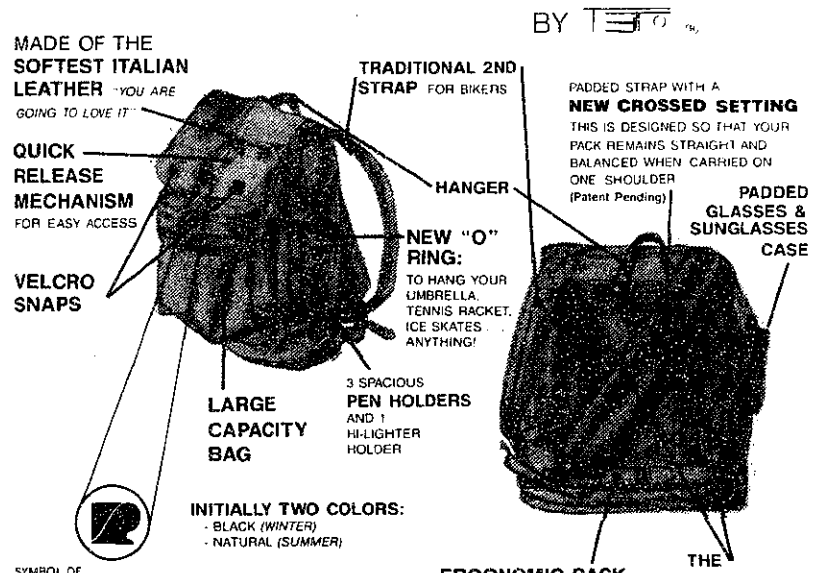
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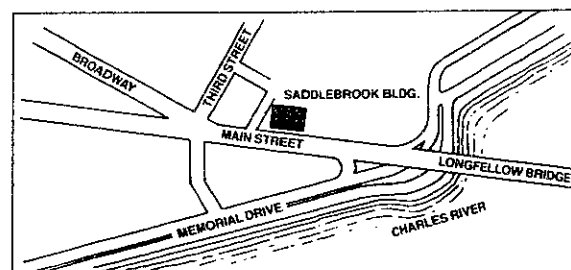
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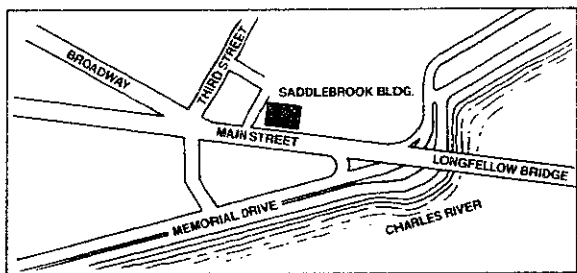
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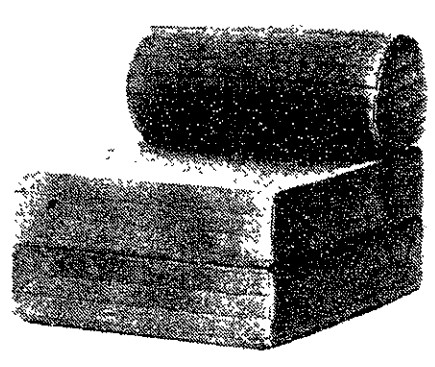
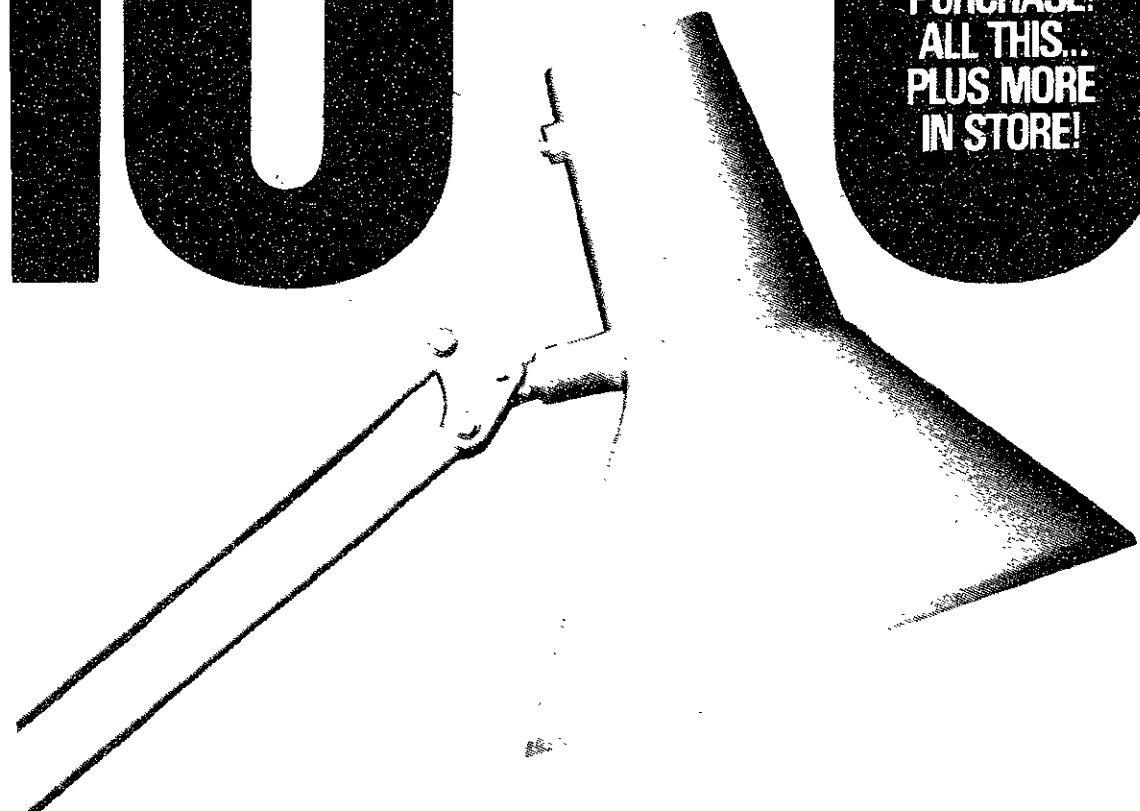
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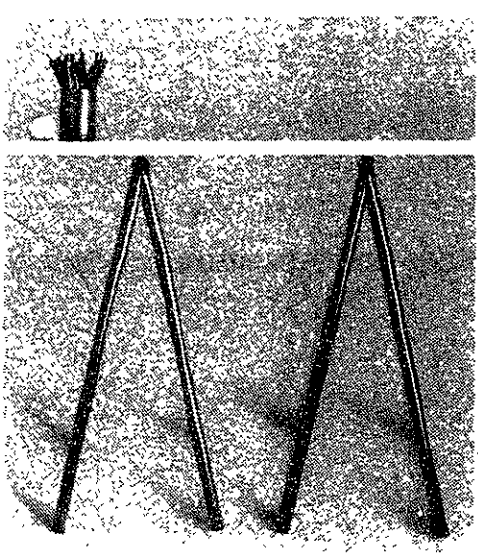
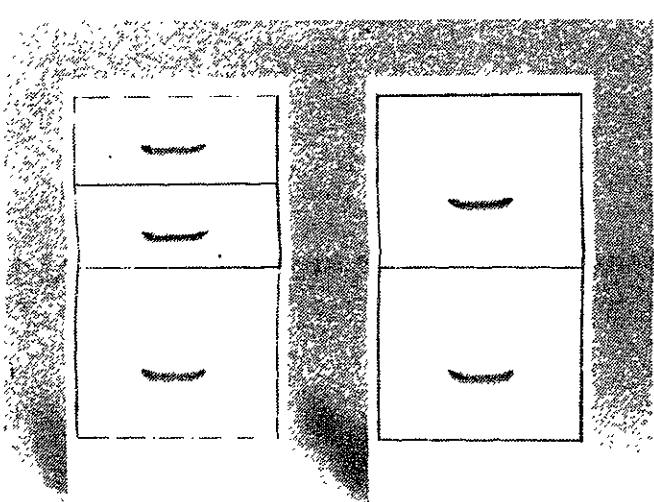
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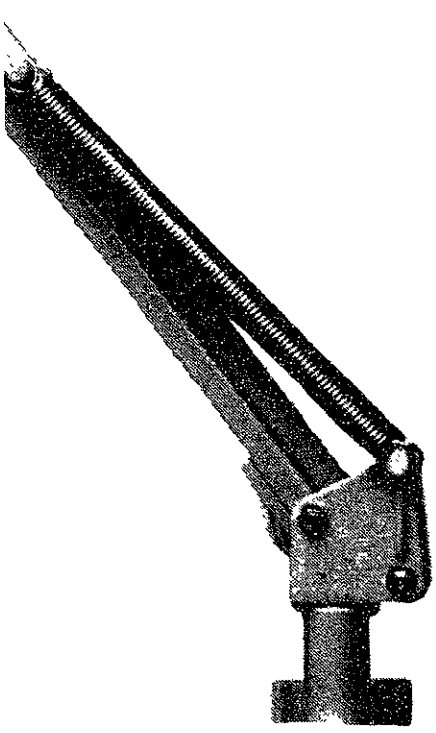
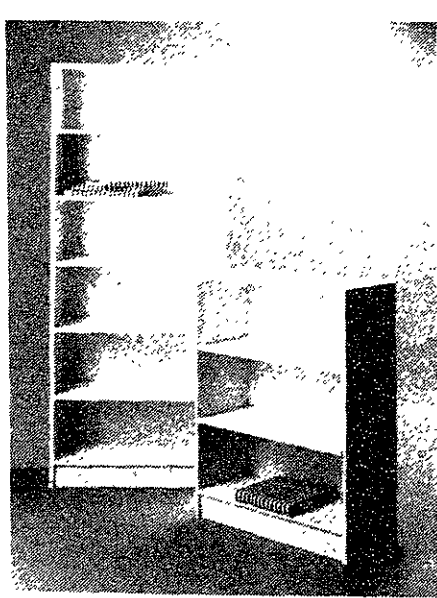
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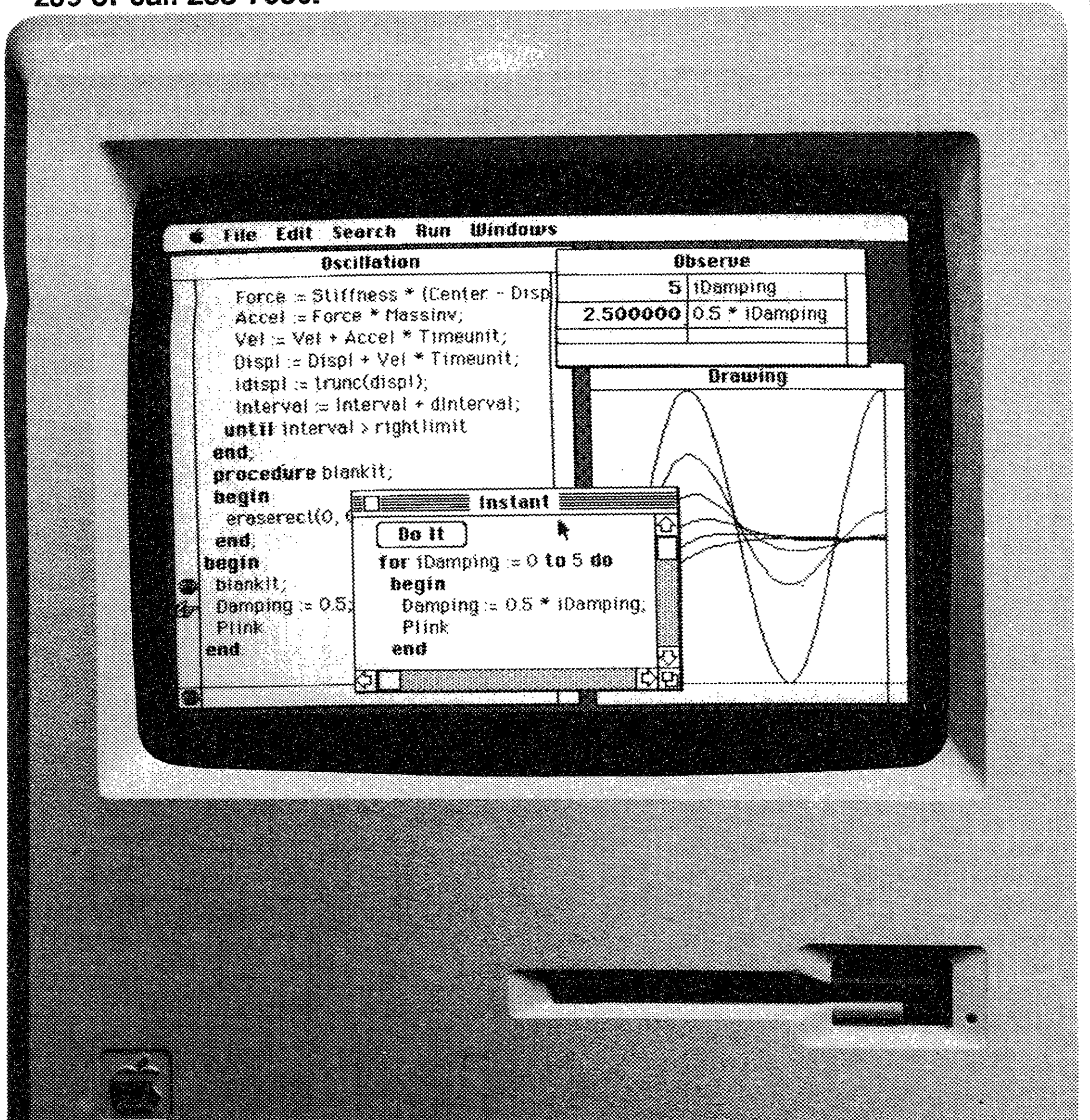
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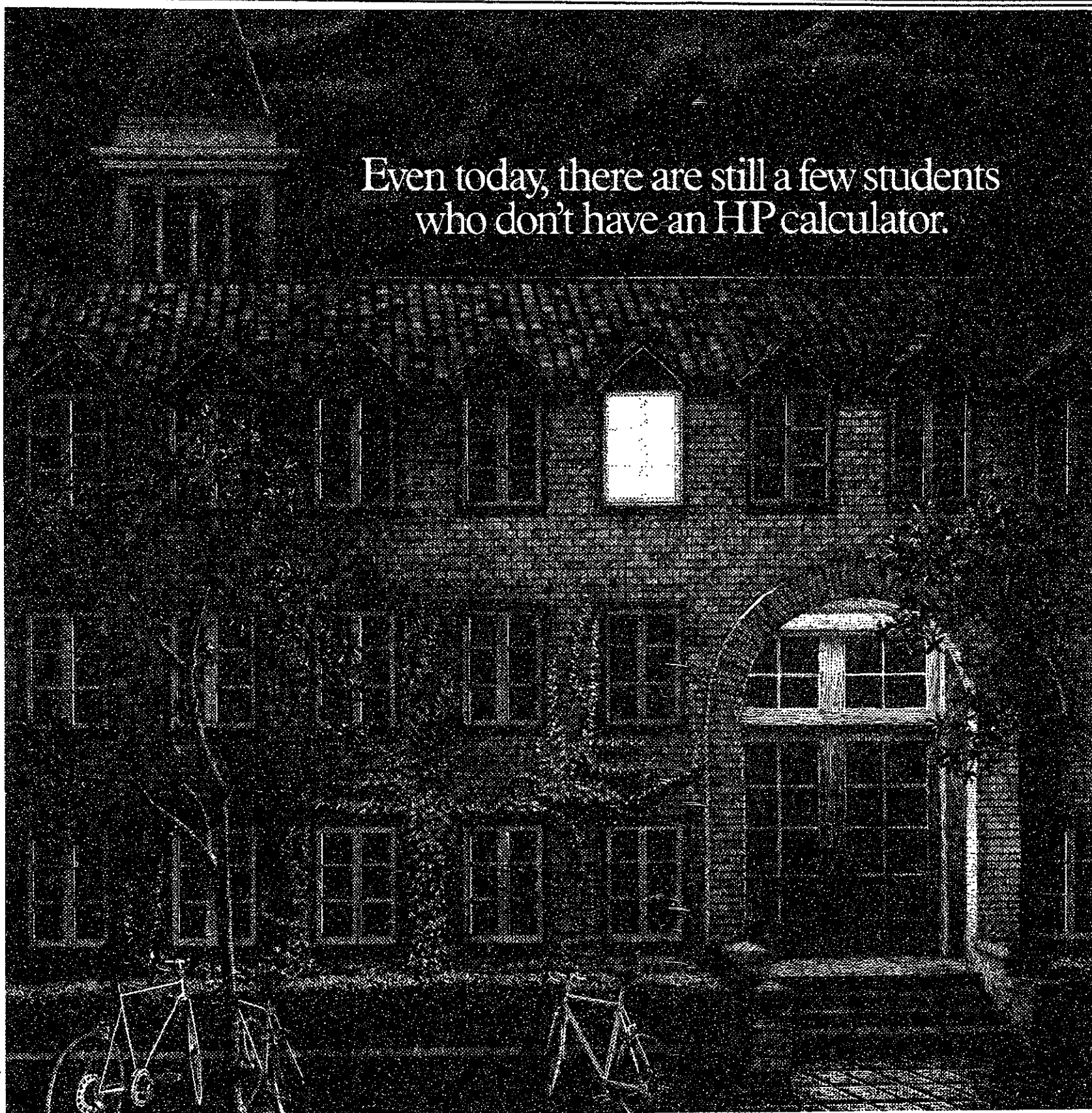
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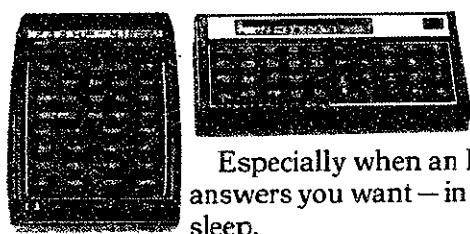
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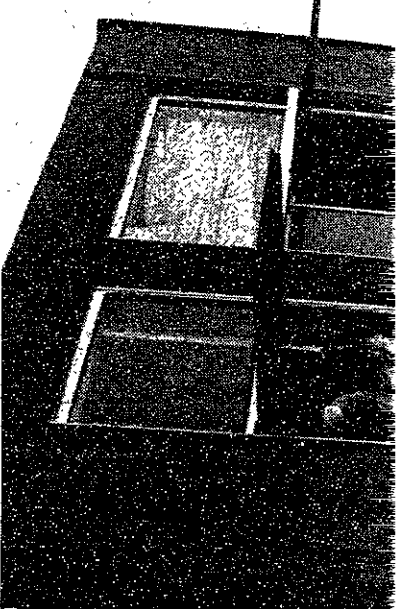
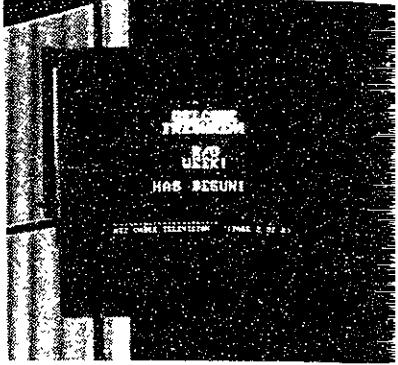
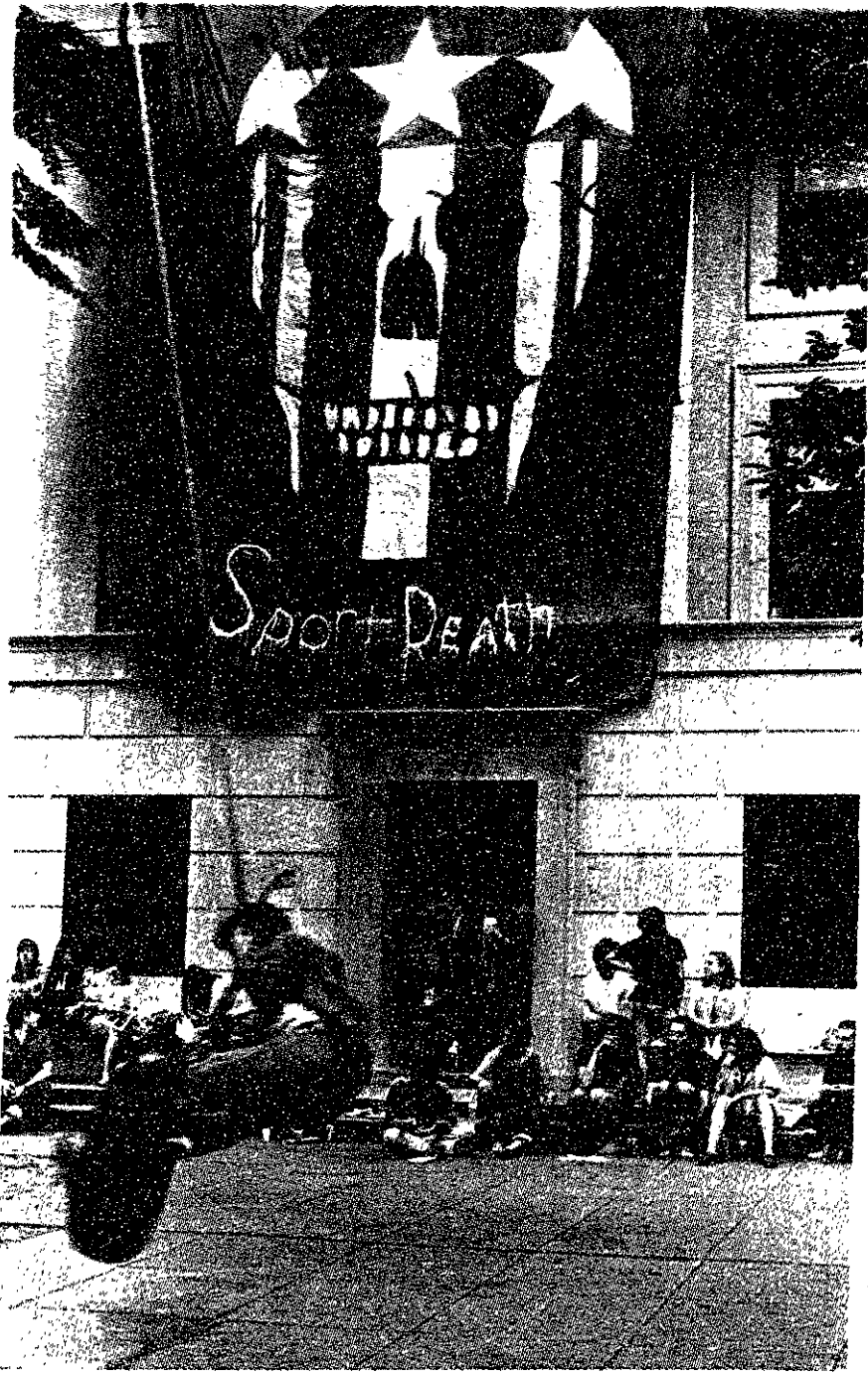
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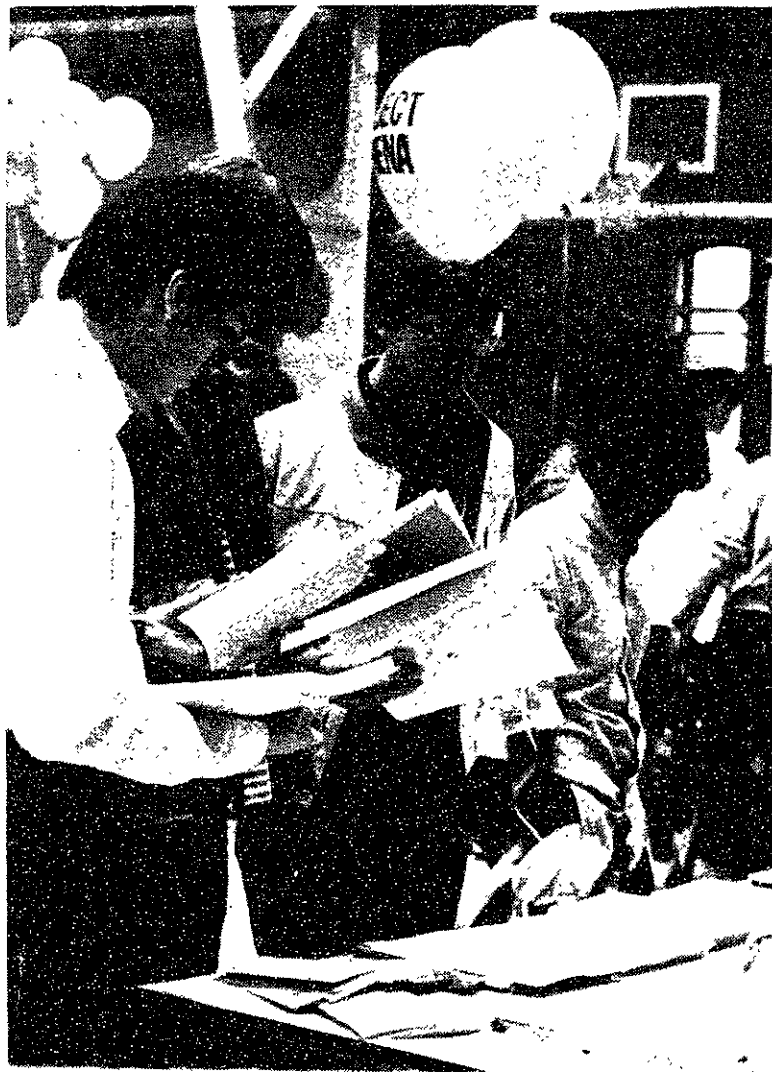
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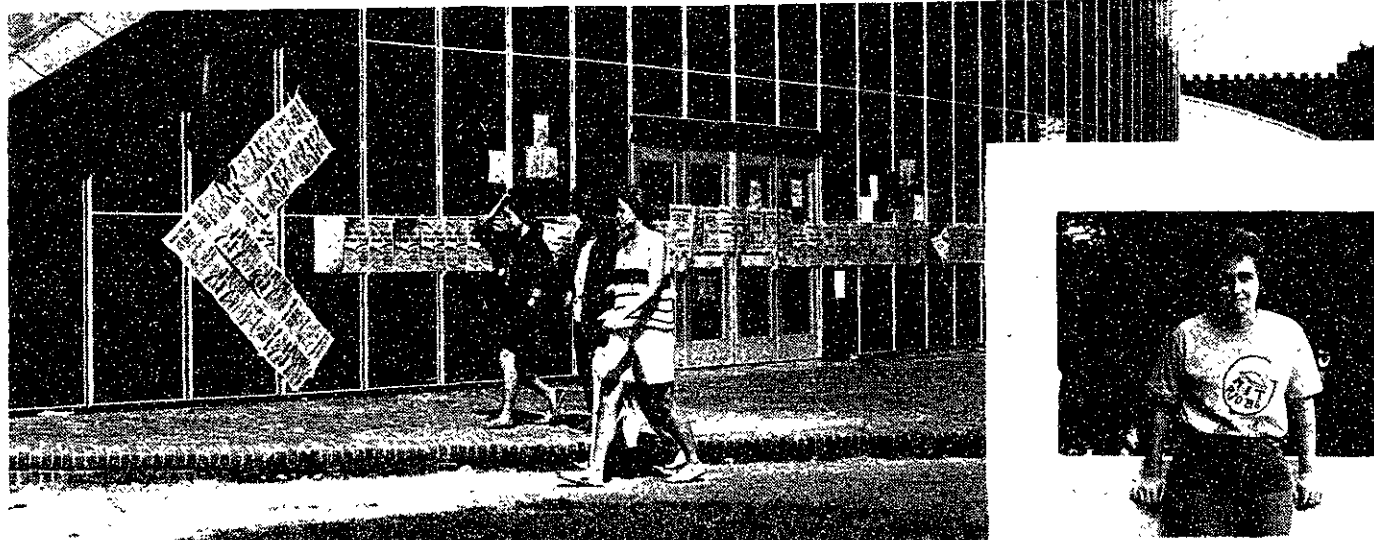
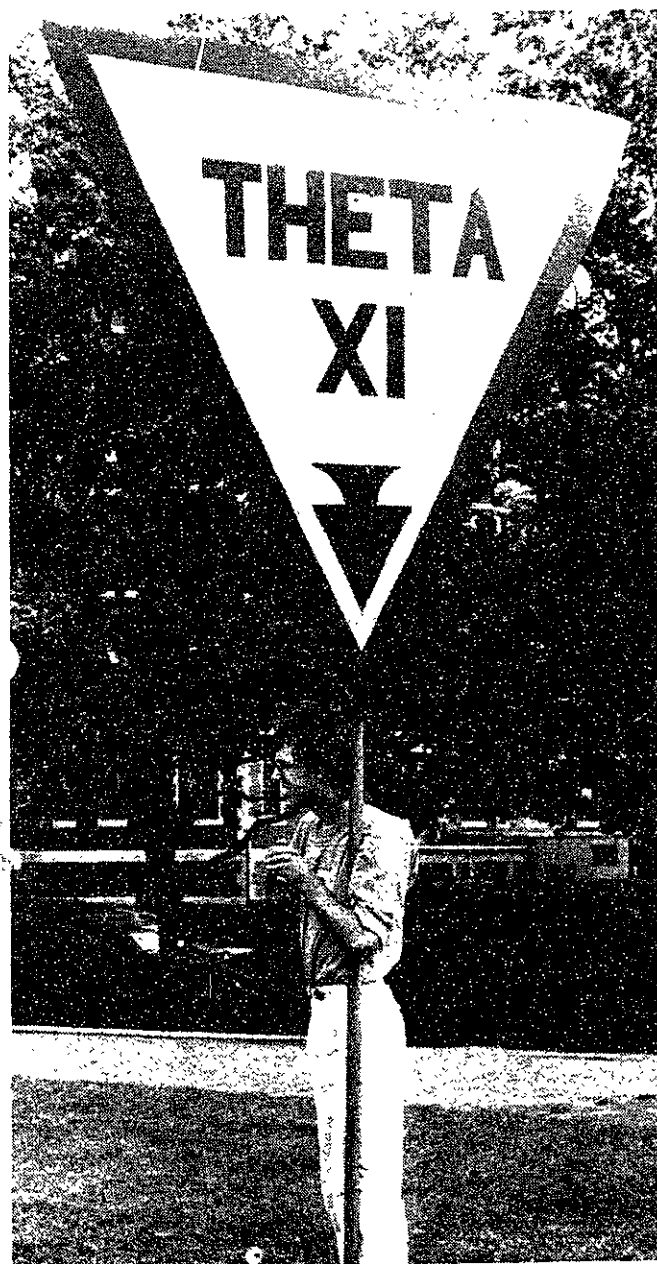
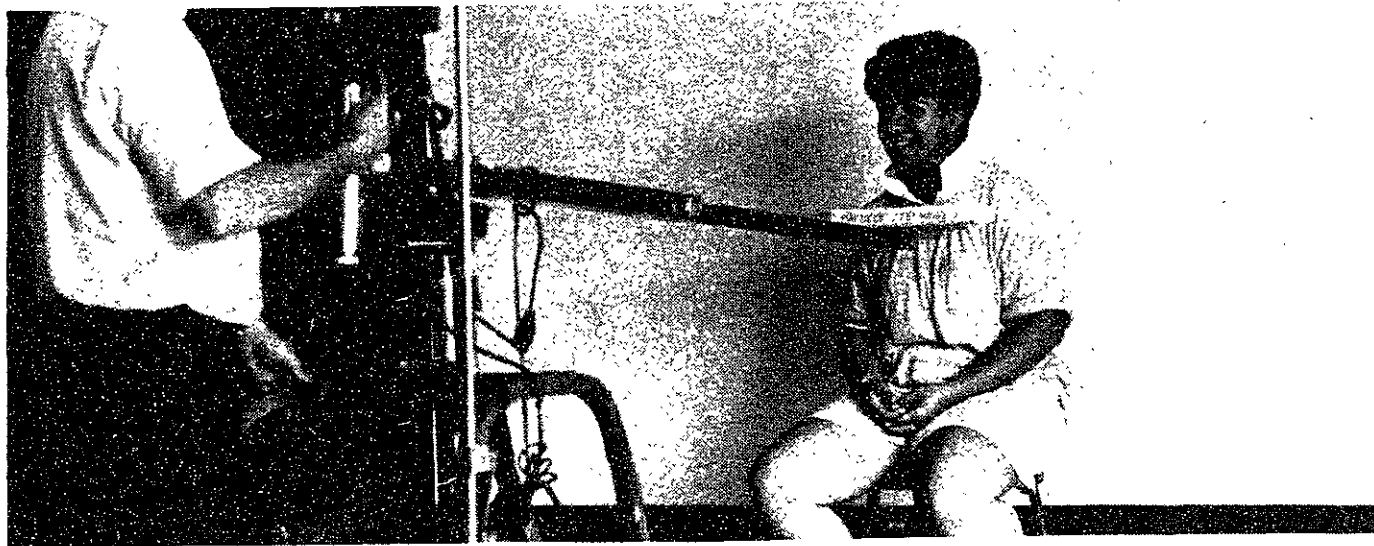
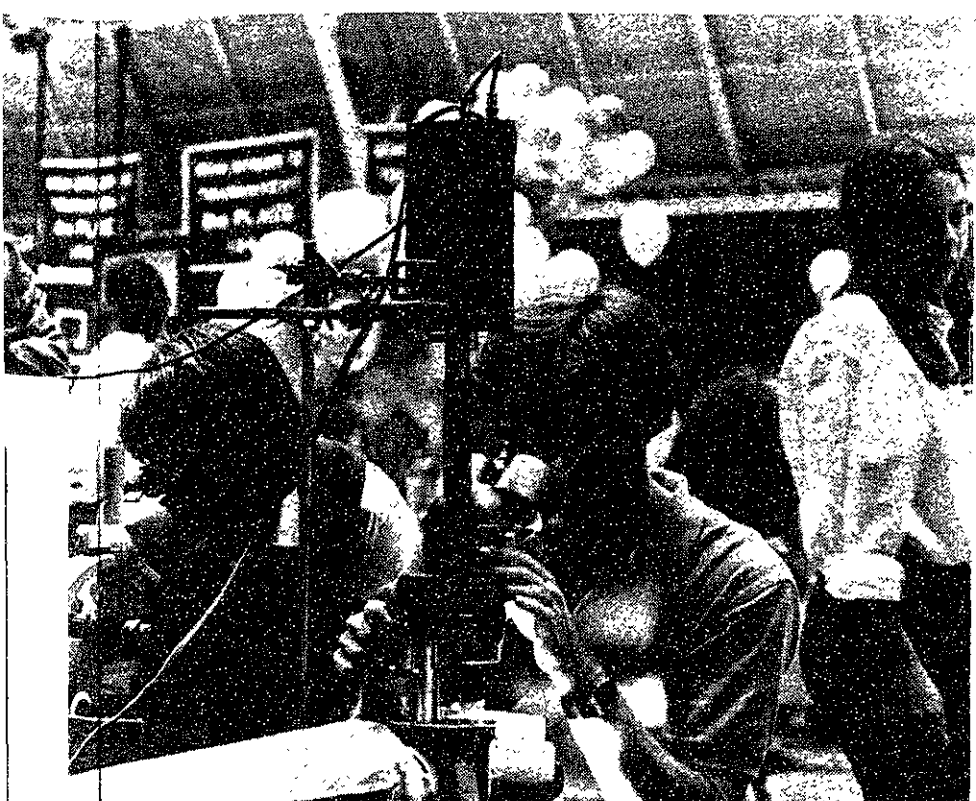


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Fresh sushi shines at Miyako Restaurant

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by JULIAN WEST

(Editor's note: Michael J. Garrison and Harold A. Stern contributed their opinions to this piece.)

THE TECH PERFORMING EATS TEAM set out the other day in search of Boston's finest Japanese restaurant. Setting on a place in Copley Square, we arrived only to find a sign proclaiming, "Closed Tuesday, Sept. 2." The Miyako was our next choice. After the meal, none of us felt cheated, except by the Copley parking garage which charged us \$3 for 15 minutes of parking.

The Miyako is very near the MBTA Kenmore stop, on the side away from the river. Walk here, or take the subway if you like. Do not drive; parking is awful, especially on Red Sox game nights (although this will cease to be a problem by October). The atmosphere was relaxed, despite the presence of a large number of Boston University students. Service was particularly quick, except for the sushi.

If you plan to order the sushi, order an appetizer. The service was very prompt on all other dishes, but the sushi eaters at the table had to wait approximately 15 minutes after everyone else received their food.

We thought the *tempura* appetizer (\$4.50) to be particularly good, being crisply fried in a light batter which was neither oily nor filling. The *tempura* split nicely between three, but would have been small for four.

All of the dinners were accompanied by green tea, and preceded by miso soup and the appetizer of the day. The *miso* soup was above average, hot and tasty, but the appetizer was essentially soggy cabbage

with sesame dressing. *Nigiri* sushi (\$11.50 complete dinner) came with about eight pieces and two cut rolls. The plate was plainly but tidily arranged, and some of the pieces, such as the *hirame*, had been topped with sesame or green onion. The *tako* (octopus) was particularly fresh and tender, as was the *sake* (salmon), which tasted very like the fresh fish. Naturally, these things vary from day to day, but we had the impression that the chefs had chosen their fish with care.

Sushi could also be ordered *à la carte* either at the tables or the small, but uncrowded, sushi bar, but this made it appreciably more expensive. The menu had a wide selection, particularly of *maki*, which could be ordered either as cut rolls or handrolls.

The first-time eel tasters in the group approached the *una-ju*, or broiled eel and rich *kabayaki* sauce (\$11.50 complete dinner), with more than a little trepidation. The eel is served on a bed of hot rice inside a plastic box. The "rich" sauce turned out to be rather mild. Not that this was a drawback — the subtle flavor of the dish was a nice change from the meals served at the typical Central Square Chinese restaurant.

The chicken teriyaki dinner (\$6.75 à la carte, \$8.75 dinner) was somewhat disappointing. Only a small amount of chicken actually came with the meal, and the teriyaki sauce was even weaker than the *kabayaki*. The dish was filling, but only because the chicken was accompanied by a large green salad, rice, and plenty of well-done noodles.

The Miyako suffered from drawbacks common to Japanese restaurants — the food is fairly expensive, and the portions are fairly small. For the money, you could do better. But if you're willing to top off the meal with some ice cream, you could do worse.

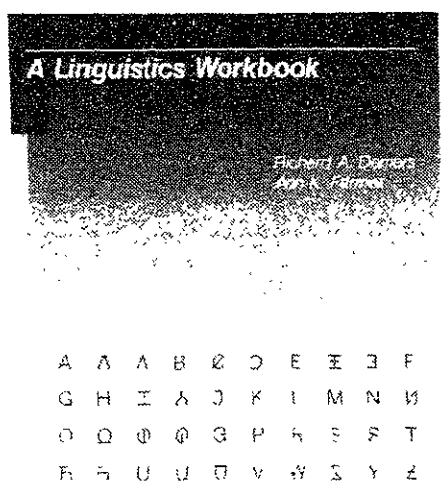


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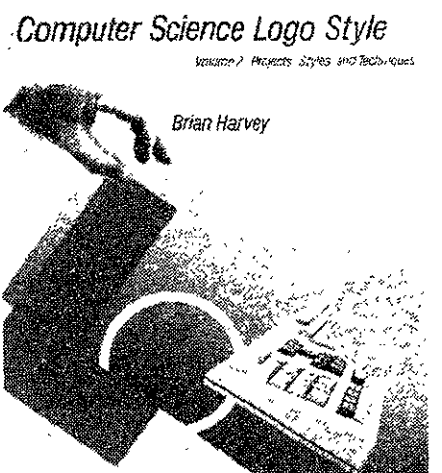
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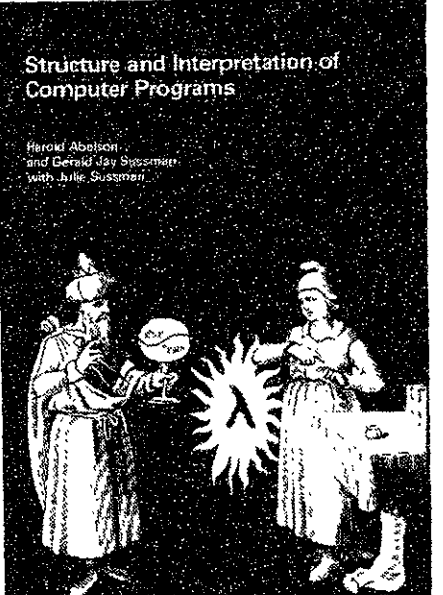
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Successful quest for Man of La Mancha

MAN OF LA MANCHA
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by JULIAN WEST

THE MUSICAL THEATRE GUILD has produced a *Man of La Mancha* which fully realizes both the humor and poignancy of the script.

The framing story features Cervantes, a prisoner during the Spanish Inquisition who tells a story for the benefit of his fellow captives. Together, they act out the tale of Don Quixote, a simple country squire who goes mad and imagines himself to be a medieval knight.

Quixote, though mad by the standards of the world, has the gift of seeing people as they really are. For instance, he perceives the worth of a woman on the lowest rung of society, and causes her to realize the value within herself.

Campbell H. Ellsworth G played the dual role of Cervantes and Don Quixote admirably. As Cervantes, he was quick-witted, thinking on his feet rather than producing a polished, scripted play. As Quixote, he dominated the action through his stubborn convictions. It is never easy to perform a song known to all, but Ellsworth's spirited rendition of *The Impossible Dream* drew a deserved ovation from the audience. In the main, his Cervantes revealed the humor of the play, his Qui-

xote its more serious side. But in the end, the two characters are much the same.

As Quixote's "lady," Aldonza, Leslie G. Melcer '88 showed a range of emotion as the jaded whore and serving wench who slowly comes to realize that her lovers are "her enemies, too." She has accepted abuse as her natural lot, but it is the evil of man's society which conspires against her. As social outcasts, Quixote can redeem her and Cervantes can take her part. Melcer has a nice voice and a nice spirit, but seems to run out of breath on some of the more challenging lines.

Bobby Fonacier G was a clownish Sancho Panza, whose rendition of *I Like Him* was endearingly simple and sung from the heart.

For the rest, the cast was strong in support, both as players in the show within a show and as the dispirited and hopeless prisoners. Rather than watching the performance, the prisoners tended to stare at the audience or fall asleep in the aisles. It was a nice touch which showed the existence of *Don Quixote* as a text separate from its audience, a truth which moves forward and cannot be stopped. In this world "facts are the enemy of truth," and the fact that the drama is played out unobserved in a dungeon is not allowed to intrude. The prisoners are the beneficiaries, as for an hour they seem freed from their cell.

The choreography was particularly fine during the violent abduction. Equally

good was the less violent battle scene, in which Don Quixote prevails despite having no battle skills save courage.

The orchestra suffered from having to fit behind the Little Theatre stage. Only the horns were really able to punch through the intervening flats, and often it would have been preferable to hear the singing without a trumpet blast between the lines.

This weekend's performances were well attended, but there were few MIT students in evidence. Go, and don't worry about

being early, as there is plenty to see. The set is well-constructed, and the dungeon gloom is highlighted by the prisoners, who play through a series of more or less choreographed antics before the play starts.

It is never too dim to see, but when light comes down from the surface world, it dazzles both the players and the audience. This is a neat reversal of the reality, in which the darkness of the Inquisition above is pierced by the brilliance of the performance below.

MIT Art News

STUDENT ART LOAN PROGRAM

The annual exhibition of the List and Stratton Student Loan Collections is currently in progress in the Hayden Gallery, Wiesner Building (E15). It consists of over 200 framed, signed prints and posters that will be on display through Sept. 19. All of these will be available for one-year loans to students or student groups.

Those interested in participating in the program may fill out cards at the gallery listing their first, second, and third choices. On Friday, Sept. 19, a drawing will allocate the available works. The results will be posted on the gallery doors after 6 pm. The exhibition is open weekdays 10-4, weekends 1-5.

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS


As in previous years, members of the MIT community enjoy admission privileges at the Museum of Fine Arts. MIT students are admitted free upon presentation of a student ID. MIT faculty and staff may borrow free passes (one per ID) out of ten available at the office of the Director of the MIT Libraries, 14S-216, 9-5 weekdays.

The Museum is located at 465 Huntington Avenue, Boston. It is open 10-5 Tuesday through Sunday, as well as 5-9 on Wednesday and (west wing only) 5-10 on Thursday, but closed on Monday. Regular admission is \$4, free to all Saturday 10-12. Call 267-9377.

THURSDAY NOON CHAPEL CONCERTS

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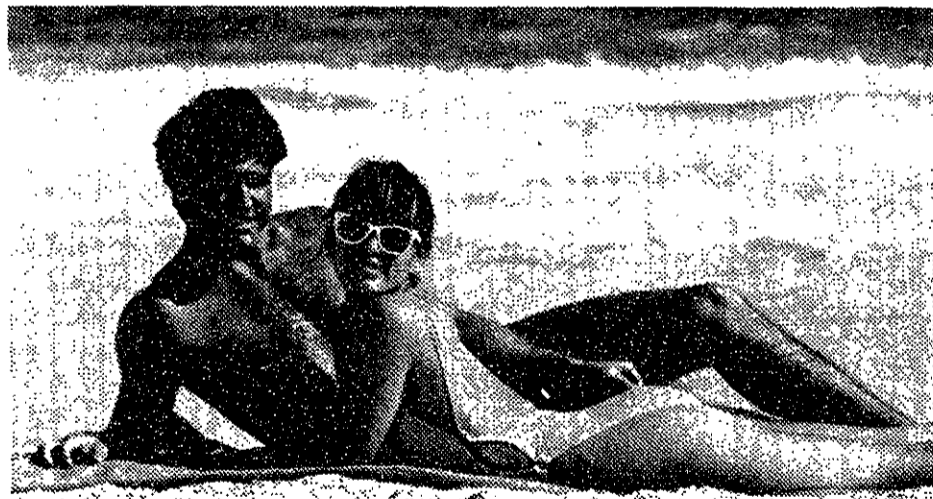
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Dr. Leung Kay Chi was born in Canton, China. He has spent over 15 years studying in Taiwan. He is a master of both the internal and external styles of Chinese Boxing. He studied Yang Style Tai-Chi, Northern Shao-Lin, and Chin-Na under his father in law, the famous Grandmaster Harn Chin-Tong. He mastered Chen Style Tai-Chi under Master Du I-Gei (who learned from Master Chen Yin-Hsi). Dr. Leung is also the Head D disciple of Grandmaster Liu Yuan-Chiao, the founder of the international Wu-Tang School of Chinese Martial arts, who taught him Pa-Kua, Pa-Chi, Pi-Kua, Mi-Tsung and Praying Mantis. Dr. Leung had over 15 different masters who taught him over 10 systems. He is also a doctor of Chinese Acupuncture, orthopedics, and western dentistry.

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Fraternities face more cross-rushing this year

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gen '87, president of Beta Theta Pi.

Per Cederstav '88, rush chairman at Phi Delta Theta, said his house extended 12 bids and yielded only seven pledges. "Usually we only have one or two that turn down bids," he said. "Cross-rushing was much heavier than in the past."

Cederstav attributed the increase to both the smaller pool of pledges and to the fact that rush began three hours earlier than in the past. "Freshmen had time to visit more houses on Friday," he said.

Longer rush tires upperclassmen

Freshmen and upperclassmen had mixed feelings about changes in the Residence/Orientation Week schedule. In the past, rush began at approximately 6 pm Friday from Kilian Court after the freshman picnic. This year, rush began at 3 pm from the Kresge Oval.

"The freshmen feedback on the schedule has been good," Ertel said. The extra time "allowed freshmen to talk to more living groups," he added.

But according to Morgen, the revised Friday schedule tired out the upperclassmen of the fraternities and independent living groups. "The Friday was too long." "Some of us were tired of meeting people by Friday midnight," Lash agreed. "We were exhausted."

"There was more pressure on fraternities to get their pledges," Dismukes said. But Dismukes said the MIT administration caused some of this pressure.

Dismukes suggested that the MIT administration should have encouraged freshmen to look more closely at the independent living groups during rush.

"Fraternities look for people who share common interests, not people to fill beds," Dismukes said. "Dormitories should be a default choice."

"Basically, everyone is guaranteed a dorm space," Needels agreed. "The dorms don't need to rush as much as the frats."

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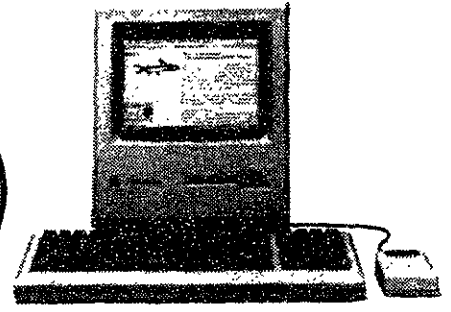
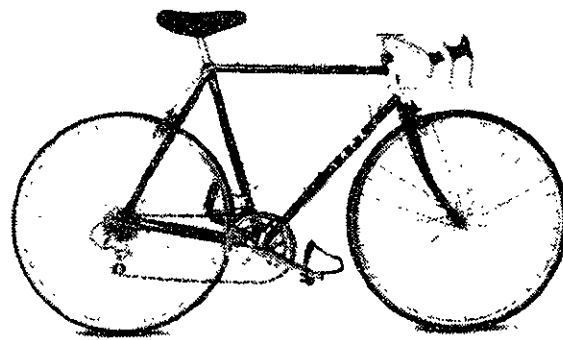
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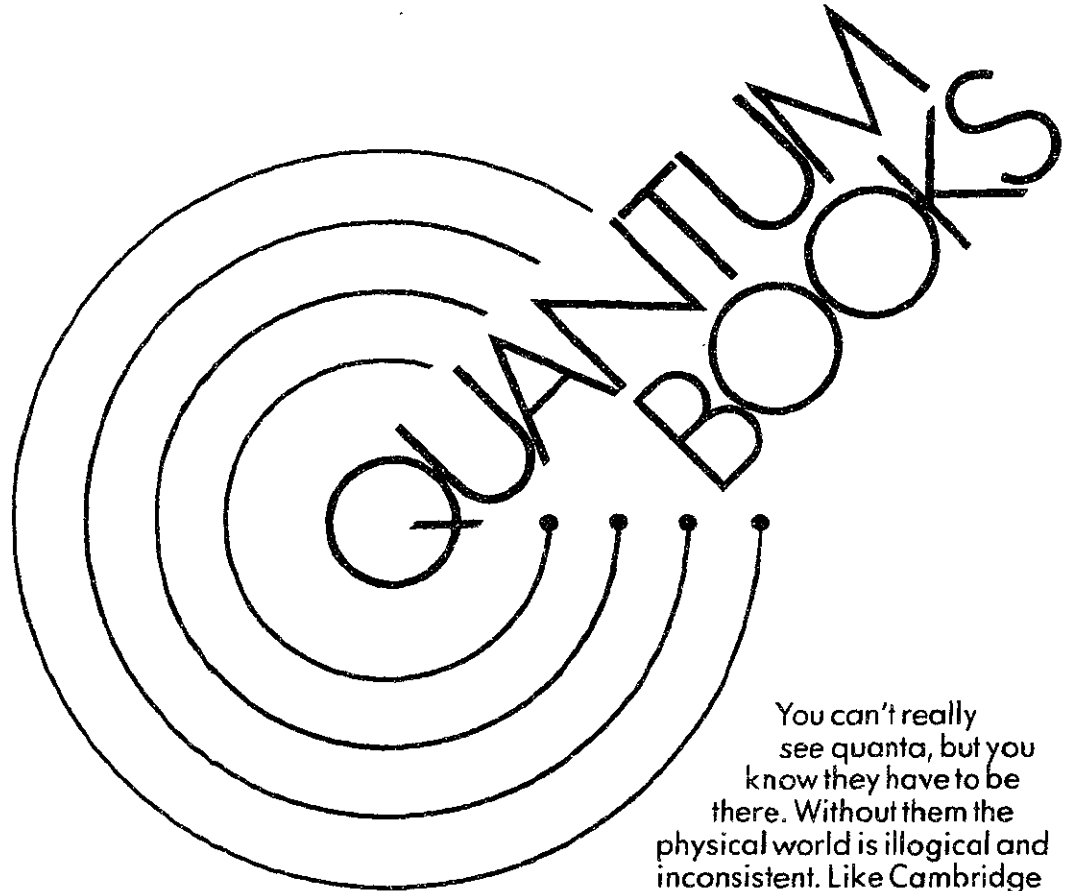
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Monday, Sept. 15

Elie Wiesel and Carl Sagan will speak at a conference on "Judaism, War and the Nuclear Arms Race." Conference will begin at 1:30 pm at Boston University's George Sherman Union Ballroom (775 Commonwealth Avenue). Wiesel and Sagan will speak at 7 pm. The cost to attend the entire conference is \$15 for adults and \$3.50 for senior citizens. Those wishing only to attend the Wiesel and Sagan talk will be charged \$7.50, and a dinner will be offered for \$10. There is no charge for students with ID. Advance registration is required. For reservation information, call 226-3880. For conference information, call 542-0265.

Want to lose weight using hypnosis and relaxation techniques? Beth Israel Hospital is offering a 10-session hypnosis and weight loss group programs. The group starts Monday, September 15. Morning and evening classes are available. Call 735-4735.

Tuesday, Sept. 16

The MIT-Japan Science and Technology Program's weekly Japanese lunch table will begin at 1 pm in the new Japanese Lounge and Meeting Room in Walker 220. All are welcome to attend. Please bring a bag lunch. Lunches are hosted by Japanese wives.

Thursday, Sept. 18

Dr. Gwendolyn Goldsby Grant will discuss "Women of Color: Building Coalitions Through the 1980's." Grant authors the "Just Between Us" column in *Essence* Magazine, and her philosophy is: one woman can make a difference. Sponsored by the MIT Minority Women's Programming Committee at 7 pm in 34-101. Free admission. For further information: x3-4861.

Grieving is the process of healing from the pain of loss. On September 18th at 7:30pm "Pitch of Grief" will be shown at the Leventhal-Sidman Jewish Community Center. This documentary won best film of 1985 by the National Hospice Organization. The producer, Erik Strange, will lead a discussion after the film on grieving as a healing process. Call 965-7410 ext. 147 for further information.

Monday, Sept. 22

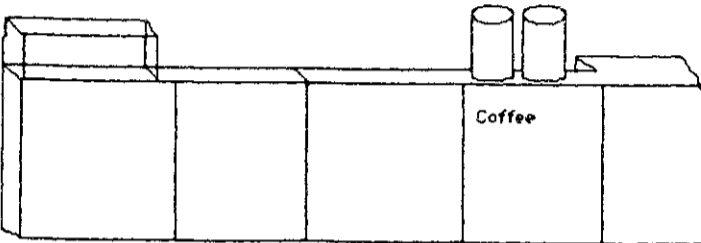
The Beth Israel Wellbeing Program is offering an 8-week group led by a Beth Israel Hospital social worker and cardiac rehabilitation clinical nurse specialist. The group will be held Monday evenings from 7 to 8:30pm starting September 22 at the Leventhal-Sidman Jewish Community Center in Newton. The cost of the program is \$80 for members and \$90 for nonmembers. For more information call the Beth Israel Wellbeing Program at 965-7410 ext. 147.

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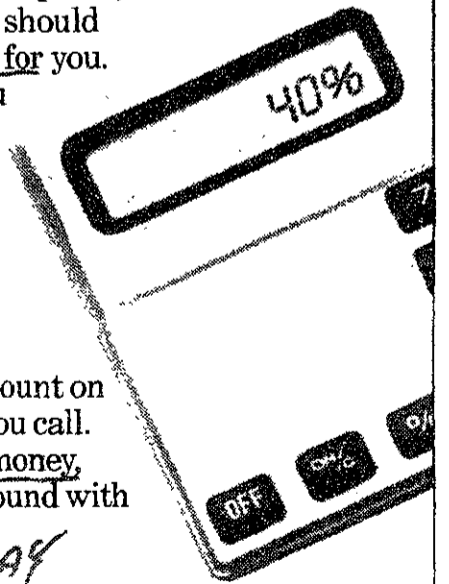
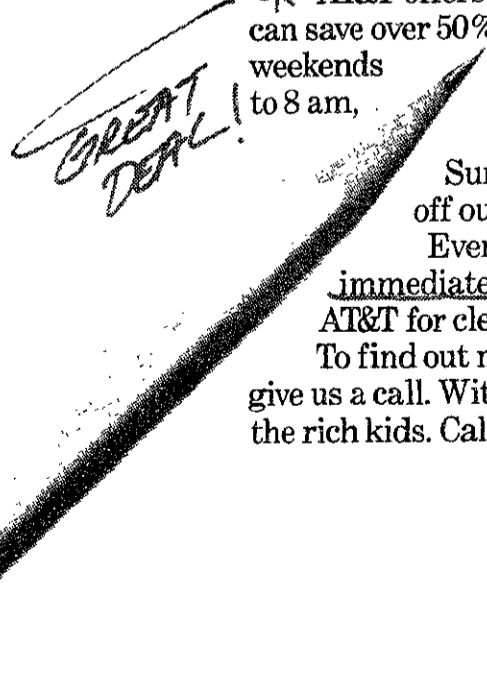
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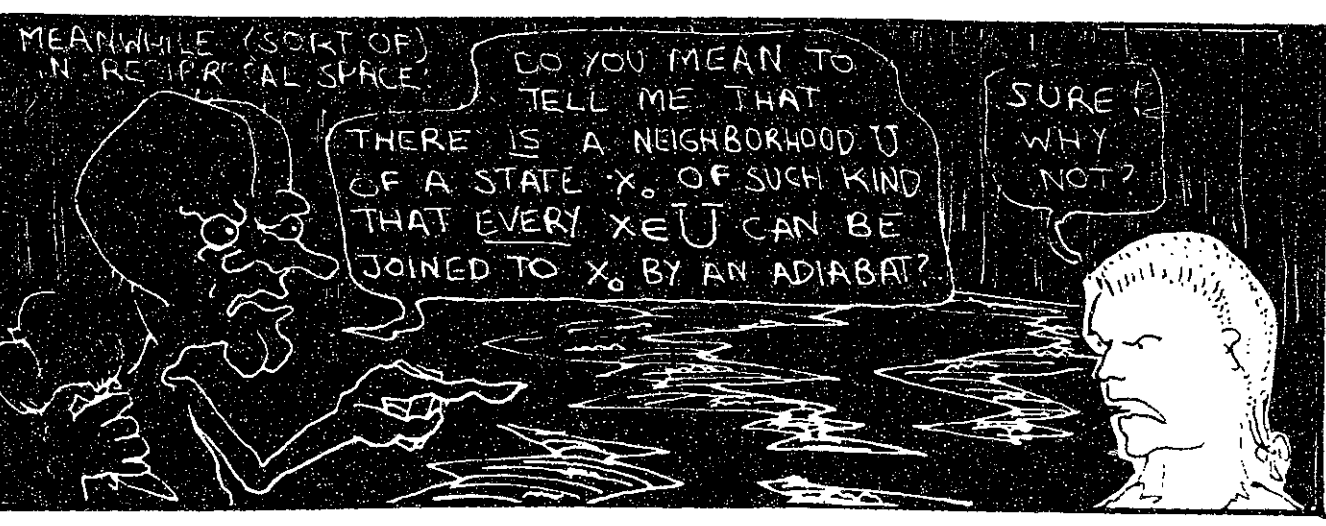
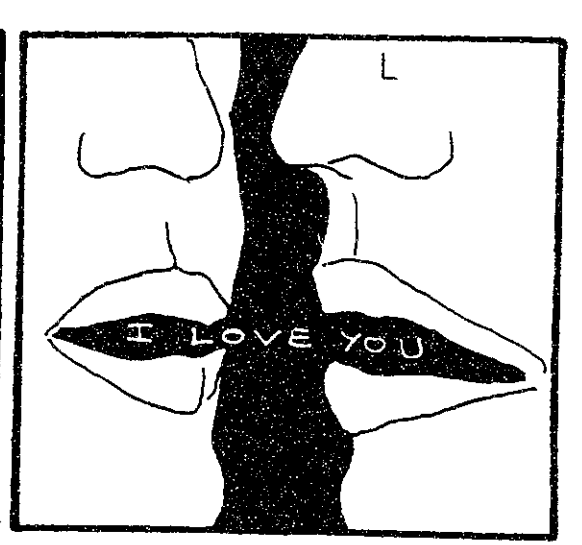
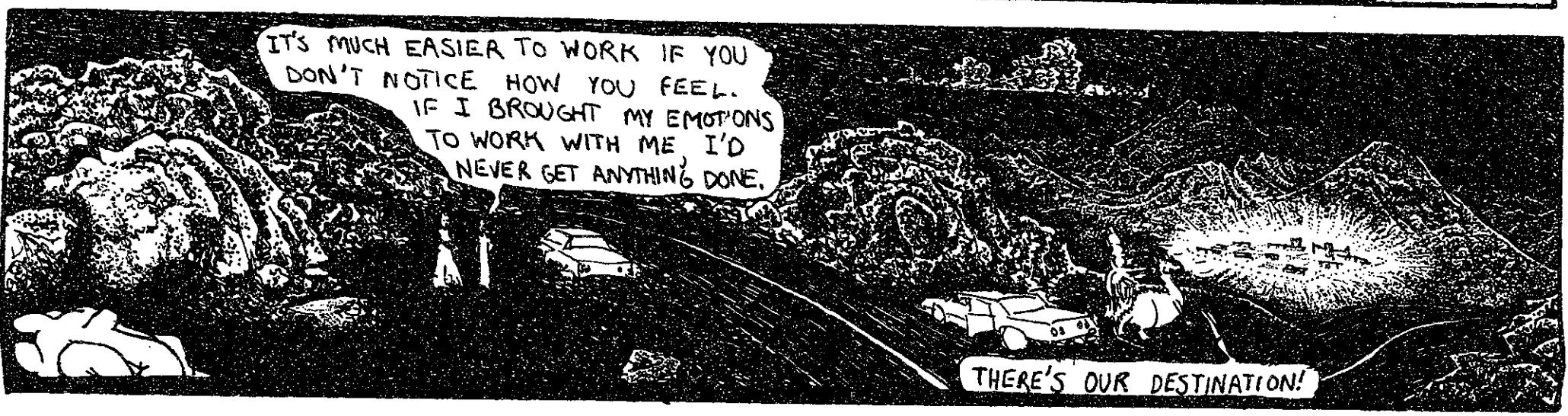
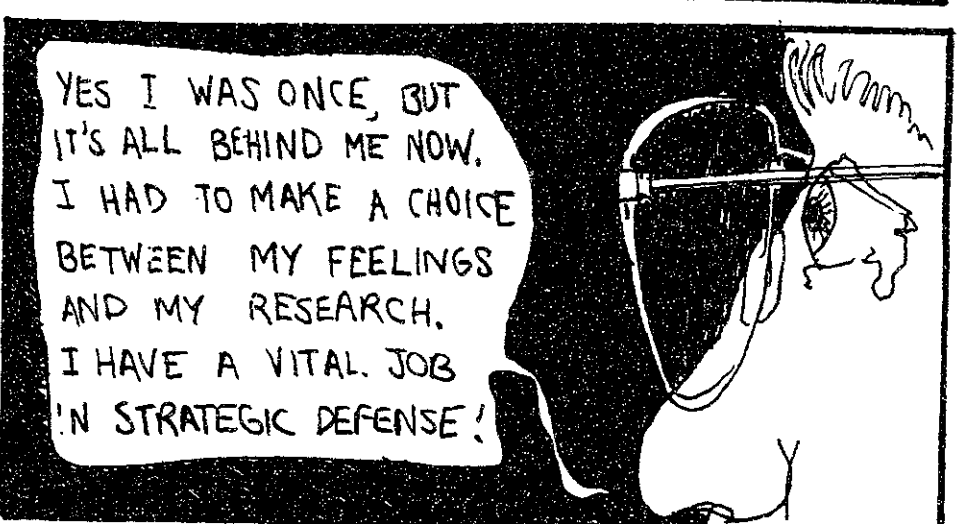
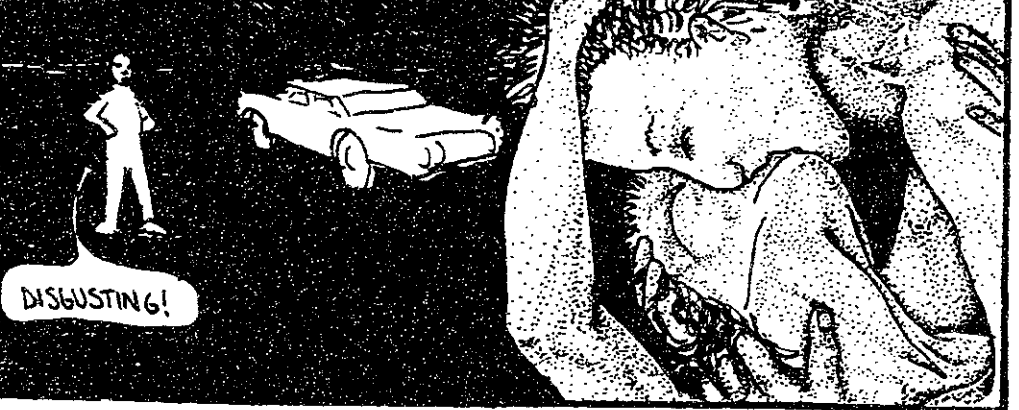
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sports

Men's baseball sweeps Merrimack

By Eric M. Reifschneider

The MIT baseball team opened its fall season Saturday at Briggs Field with a doubleheader sweep of Merrimack College, 10-2 and 5-2.

The Engineers pounded out 14 hits in the first game to support the four-hit pitching of Richard P. Zermani '87. Zermani struggled with his control in the first inning, walking two batters who later scored. He settled down, shutting out the opposition over the final six innings. (Collegiate games are shortened to seven innings for double-headers.)

Meanwhile, MIT scored a run in the first on a two-out single by right-fielder Kenneth Fern '87, and Zermani broke the game open with a fourth-inning grand slam. With one run already home in the inning, he drove a 3-1 pitch deep into left-center and circled the bases before the outfielders could retrieve the ball. (There are no outfield fences on Briggs field to allow room for intramural football.)

The Engineers added four runs in the sixth on five hits. For the game, MIT's hitting stars included center-fielder Steven F. Stoller '89 (3 hits, 1 RBI), catcher Timothy R. Day '89 (2 hits), second baseman Timothy J. Collins '89 (1 hit, 3 walks), and shortstop Victor Canseco '90 (3 hits).

MIT also came from behind in the second game. Merrimack reached starting pitcher Michael T. Griffin '89 for a run in the

first, but the Engineers scored three runs in the third without getting a hit. Two walks, a sacrifice bunt, two ground balls, and three throwing errors produced the rally.

Co-captain Michael C. Mountz '87 and right-fielder James W. Casamento '88 led off with walks. Collins bunted and reached second when the pitcher overthrew first base; Mountz scored on the play and Casamento reached third. A throwing error by the shortstop loaded the bases for left-fielder Pillan Thirumalaisamy '90, who grounded down the first base line. The first baseman fielded the ball, stepped on the base, and threw to second. Instead, of completing the double play, however, the fielder threw the ball away. As the ball sailed into center field, Casamento and Collins scored, and MIT led 3-1.

Griffin pitched well until tiring in the fifth, when he surrendered a run with two outs. Corey L. Kerstetter '87 relieved and ended the inning, preserving MIT's 3-2 lead.

The Engineers added two insurance runs in the bottom of the inning. Pinch-hitter Eric Reifschneider '89 led off with MIT's first hit of the game, a single up the middle. One out later Stoller pinch-ran and stole second. Thirumalaisamy drove him in with a double down the left-field line, and then stole third and scored on an infield grounder.

Kerstetter shut out the opposition on one hit in the final two innings, and MIT completed the sweep. The team's next games are a double-header against Babson Saturday at noon, and a single game next Monday against Wentworth. All three games will be played at Briggs field.

(Editor's note: Eric Reifschneider '89 is a member of the men's varsity baseball team.)



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